

# RUSS-GERMAN PACT WILL SPUR THE ALLIES

**THE WEATHER.**  
FOR INDIANA—Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; probably local showers in south portion; not much change in temperature.

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### LIQUOR PLOTTERS OVERRUN DETROIT AND SMUGGLE BOOZE

#### INDIANA GETS BOOZE FROM MICH.

**Booze Goes To Windsor Then Across Line To States Including Indiana**

BY W. H. BLODGETT  
DETROIT, Aug. 10.—A conspiracy of wide proportions that had its birth in a plot to engage in wholesale violation of the federal prohibition law has been uncovered by the government. Its ramifications extended from coast to coast and there is hardly a community in the country that is not affected by it. The master minds of the underworld control in practically all of the large cities. Every law-enforcing power of the national government has been called into service to fight the conspiracy.

**HAVE IT ALL FIXED**  
Those engaged in illicit deals in liquor have their recitatives, their disbursements, their undercurrents, their arrests and convictions, their traffic to grow. It is understood that a demand has been made on the government for additional machinery to enforce the Volstead act and that in a short time stronger efforts will be made to stop the illicit transactions.

**KENTUCKY THE SOURCE**  
The greater part of the liquor distributed in this country by the smugglers is shipped to Montreal from Kentucky. In the last few weeks records of the federal authorities show that there were sent into Canada from Kentucky, thirty-one carloads of whiskey, each car containing 1,200 cases and each case holding twelve bottles, or three gallons. Thus there were 37,200 cases or 446,400 gallons of whiskey. The exporting of this liquor under a federal permit signed in Kentucky was legal. The illegal proceedings of the traffic began when the liquor was smuggled back to this country.

After being brought to Detroit the liquor is sent out in automobiles. Practically all of the liquor sent into Indiana goes through Detroit from Windsor, Canada. Much of it goes to Niles, Mich., where the government has information that there is a whiskey ring working under protection. The liquor is taken to South Bend and distributed through the Calumet region, much of it stopping at East Chicago, Gary and other points. A part of it gets to Indianapolis via

#### Shoots Wife; Kills Self

**Michigan Central Conductor Uses Gun With Telling Effect.**

MICHIGAN CITY, IND., Aug. 10.—Charles S. Clark, 45, a conductor on the Michigan Central railroad, with headquarters at Niles, Mich., shot his wife, Bessie Clark, last night and then killed himself. Two bullets entered Mrs. Clark's body, one entering the right chest and the other the left side. Two shots entered Clark's chest, which killed him instantly. Mrs. Clark was removed to the hospital and is expected to recover.

The Clark was estranged for some time and Mrs. Clark had become an inmate of an alleged resort, where the shooting occurred. Clark had attempted to prevail upon his wife to give up the life she was leading for their children's sake and when she refused he planned to kill her and himself.

#### MANNIX CALLS IT VICTORY FOR NAVY

LONDON, Aug. 10.—Archbishop Daniel J. Mannix of Melbourne, who was taken from the liner *Baltic* by a British destroyer and landed at Penzance to forestall his contemplated visit to Ireland, arrived from Penzance this morning.

"That was probably the finest victory for the British navy since the battle of Jutland," declared the archbishop. He denied that any political significance could be attached to his desire to visit Ireland his old home.

#### REV. BUCHEIT DIES AT WANATAH

ST. JOHN, IND., August 10.—Word was received here Sunday from Wanatah, Ind., of the death of Rev. A. M. Bucheit, died of cancer of the heart of which he had been a great sufferer for several months. The funeral services will be held Thursday, at Fort Wayne.

**WANTED**—A middle aged man for light work. \$25.00 a week. Hammond, Ind. 8-10-20

#### Did You Hear That

REPAIR work on the Burnham avenue bridge has been finished and it is once more open for traffic.

DR. G. L. SMITH, who has been suffering from rheumatism for some time, is still quite weak and expects to go to Michigan to recuperate this week.

JOHN SONDERBERG of the F. S. Ditz company has returned from a pleasant fishing trip in Northern Wisconsin.

JAKE LOESCH, one of Hammond's old timers, who has been living close to nature at Shelby for the past few years is coming back to Hammond to live.

"ABSOLUTELY nothing to it but Cox," is the news that comes from Ohio brought by Mayor Henry Brunner of Mansfield, Ohio, who with his family is visiting relatives here.

AND now the West State street business men are getting together and planning some free attractions for the public to bring business their way on Saturday evenings.

ED PARMENTER, city electrician, who is enjoying a two-weeks vacation, slipped over from Flint lake today to attend to some business matters. "Just been taking it easy so far," says Ed.

AN addition is being built to the South Works of the United Chemical company. The new extension is 125x50 and will be used for an expansion of the gelatin department.

THE Kaffee-Kup, State street's baby eatery, is enjoying a two-weeks vacation, and having only 20 chairs, is serving 700 meals a day and keeps up the average.

JIM EMERY and Vaughn Parry took their fathers to the Kankakee river for a fishing trip and certainly showed them a good time and Jim caught the only fish caught on the trip.

NORMAN FREEMAN doesn't propose to miss any Cox meetings if he can help it. He went all the way to Dayton last Saturday to notify the governor and says it was well worth the trip.

"HEINE" Morrow, Gus Portz, Dick Farrell, et al., have the finest sort of a camp on the Kankakee river at Blue Creek, west of Thayer and are royal hosts when friends drop in on them.

THE truth is out about Ed Deming's trip to Kokomo. He entered in the state golf tournament and finished better than all others and was a credit to Hammond for a young man of his age.

STATE street for six blocks west of the State line, is now open for traffic. The pavement has been resurfaced and apparently West Hammond will have a good street for a number of years.

FRIENDS of Guy Dickey, principal of the Robertsdale schools, will be interested in knowing that he was operated upon for appendicitis at St. Margaret's hospital this morning. Dr. Idings of Lowell was the surgeon.

ONLY a few tickets remain on the boards at the Orpheum box office for any performance of the "Jollies of 1920." It looks as though the Legion show will have to run a couple of extra innings.

JESSE WILSON has gone down to his old stamping ground at Rensselaer for a visit with relatives and if anybody needs a good lucky farm hand down in Jasper county, Jess Wilson is willing to hire out for a spell.

"KECKIE" MOLL, Hammond's veteran ball player, has gone to Danville, Ill., where he will work henceforth, and play with the Morris, Ill., semipro. The good wishes of his friends go with him.

C. R. (Dad) Richter, veteran in the Times composing room, has gone to Danville, Ill., for a vacation and in place of taking a rest is stacking oats on a farm. But that's why he only looks 25 years old.

A DARK horse, promised for the motorcycle races at the Porter speedway Sunday, is causing some fans to prick up their ears. Jack Leech, the promoter, knows something about it, but he is letting nothing escape.

HARRY R. GERBER, who is at Star Lake, Wis., writes that Sunday he pulled in a 23 pound musky. "It's the biggest one caught so far this season in the Manitowish waters. Has any Hammond fisherman beat that yet?" says the post card.

IN spite of warning lanterns and the plainly visible pile of broken asphalt, many Hammond auto drivers took the west side of South Hohman street, last night. They were so accustomed to the roughness that they probably wondered who left the lanterns in the road.

NICK EMMERLING, the undertaker, has completed the job of moving his stock from the old quarters on Sibley street to his new building at 678 South Hohman street. His place is quite attractive looking, if a morgue ever could be made attractive.

W. T. Crosby, the watch repairman, is having a great time at Louisville, Ky. Yesterday he called on the mayor, an old class mate, who informed him there was nothing in the city too good for him. Crosby says from the abundance of red noses and yellow legged chickens in Louisville, he is going to enjoy himself hugely.

#### FORMER LAKE COUNTY WOMAN PASSES AWAY

**Mrs. Pauline Fredericks who Killed Her Husband Dies in Elgin Asylum.**

Mrs. Pauline Fredericks, who on May 5 killed her husband, died yesterday at the Elgin state hospital, where she had been under treatment for tuberculosis. She was under indictment for murder.

Her husband was Henry C. Fredericks, secretary of the Elgin Granite works, and formerly of Hammond. She shot him seven times with a revolver with which she had perfected her aim at target practice. He had told her he wished to divorce her because of her condition, she said, and marry another woman. Physicians had told her previous to the shooting that she had but two months to live.

After the shooting she telephoned the police and informed them of her act. She was 42 years old, and Fredericks' second wife.

#### GARY BARBER PATRONS BALK AT PRICES

**Demand for Razors Swamp Stores in Answer to the Increase in Prices.**

What has become of the rash of patrons in Gary's tonsorial shops.

The answer is an easy one. Gary's male population are leaving the art of shaving themselves as they refuse to pay the new price list that went into effect a week ago yesterday. A jump of 15 cents to 65 cents for a hair cut and ten cents advance to 35 cents for a shave is now in vogue.

"Too much," say the Gary barber shop patrons. "We will shave ourselves first." As a result it is estimated that close to a thousand straight blade razors and safety blade razors have been sold in the city in the past week and a big demand for more.

One business house that had received its Christmas stock of razors and safety blades have completely sold out according to the owner, today and he has put in an order for more. Other stores in the business district report the same demand. One store was cleaned out of 500 dozen Gillette razor blades alone and yesterday sent in an order by telegram ordering a thousand dozen more.

"I never shaved myself in my life before," said a prominent Broadway business man to the writer this morning. "That's enough for me. It is outrageous to ask a man 35 cents for a shave. I like hundreds of other men have to shave every day and at the end of a week with a hair cut and a few extra frills I find I am paying out three and four dollars to my barber. I'm through and they are not going to shave me any more."

Another Gary man was likewise piqued over the new price list. "I used to get shaved every day and a hair cut once a week. Now I am shaving myself and will get a hair cut every two or three weeks. The above opinion is similar among the Gary patrons and instead of the barber shop owners getting rich like they anticipated it looks like they are going to be the ones that will suffer.

The barbers claim that the shop owners were responsible for the new prices. Gary barbers now get a salary of \$27 a week and a percentage over \$66 and say they are making less money now than they did. All shops in the city report that the trade has fallen off 25 to 50 per cent. To make a long story short, Gary refuses to pay the new prices.

#### REED MUM ON COURSE HE'LL TAKE

**Pleads With Cox Not to Commit Party to League of Nations.**

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 10.—Back from Dayton, where he pleaded with Gov. Cox not to commit the democratic party to the Wilson league of nations, Senator James A. Reed was silent today on the probable course he will follow in the coming presidential campaign.

Although refusing to comment on his interview with Gov. Cox, Reed intimated that he "might" have something to say "within a few days."

Pressed for a statement regarding the filling of tentative speaking engagements in "other states" Reed stated that also would be determined later.

Friends of the Missouri senator were unanimous today in scoffing at reports that he was considering a bolt from the democratic party.

#### BOUNTY ON GROUND HOG IS RAISED

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)  
CROWN POINT, Ind., Aug. 10.—The County Commissioners met for their regular weekly session on Monday and made up their estimate of expenses for the year 1921, which will be submitted to the County Council at their session in September. On item which may be of interest to the general public is that the bounty on the ground hog has been increased to \$50 per head.

#### LAKE CO. CLUBS FIRST IN THE FIELD

**Now Other Indiana Towns Want To Join In On Lake Co's. Marion Pilgrimage**

Twin City republicans, who had been given a date for a porch speech by Senator Harding, having inaugurated the caravan idea from Lake county to Marion, have been asked to amalgamate with other Indiana clubs about to make the pilgrimage and join in an Indiana Day. A letter from George B. Christian, Senator Harding's secretary to John D. Kennedy of Indiana Harbor, explains the situation as follows:

Marion, Ohio, Aug. 6, 1920  
Mr. John D. Kennedy, Indiana Harbor, Ind.  
By dear Mr. Kennedy: Referring again to your letter of June 23rd and my telegram of the 4th instant in re visit to Marion, I have to say that since there are several Indiana communities and organizations proposing to visit Marion we have thought it would be well to consolidate these several visits into one grand demonstration and call it Indiana Day. I am, accordingly, writing the others as I am writing you, requesting their co-operation, if agreeable. I am also writing Judge Vernon V. Van Fleet of South Bend, who is in charge of the club organizations of your state.

I want you to feel that we do not desire to do anything other than what is most pleasing to your people, but trust that this arrangement can be worked out to your entire satisfaction. Each club or community would have its distinct representation in the gathering and would receive the same recognition as though it came alone.

Cordially yours,  
GEO. B. CHRISTIAN, Secretary.  
E. J. Jacoby of Indianapolis, who is president of the Marion Co. Workers has written Mr. Kennedy as follows:

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 9, 1920  
Hon. John D. Kennedy, Twin City McKinley Republican Club, Indiana Harbor, Indiana.  
My dear Sir: By the grace of a good many of my political friends of this city and much against my real wish, I have been made president of the Harding Club of Indianapolis and which is to be composed very largely of the active workers of every precinct in Marion county as well as many others. The club

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#### NEGRO BARBER SMASHES THE EVIDENCE

**Hammond Police Secure the Necks of Bottles With Stamps After a Fight.**

Out of John Smith's barber shop at 72 Plummer avenue, rushed a strange looking human being, yesterday afternoon shortly after 3 o'clock. He was a negro. His face was doubled with anger and the other half which was freshly shaven was almost the color of the latter.

He was scared. "They're fightin' in dere," he yelled. Then forgetting to leave the towels and apron behind he dashed down the street to safety.

This hurried exit came right after Capt. Rimbach and Officer Singer and Kinsey of the Hammond police had entered the place and placed the proprietor, John Smith, colored, under arrest.

John objected to the presence of the officers. He told them to get out but they wouldn't go. They knew he had been violating the liquor law and they came to get the goods on him. When the captain and Kinsey kept John up, Singer crawled under a bar in the back room and hauled out six bottles of whiskey, good quality stuff too, the stamps showing they were bottled in 1920.

After placing the bottles in a chair and crawled under the bar again to make sure he had "beat" them. Smith's only recourse was to yell and the officers allowed him to go down. Then before they could stop him he seized a stove poker and with one blow smashed five of the bottles.

There was a terrific fight for the sixth bottle. Smith, Kinsey and Kinsey rolled on the floor, soaking their clothes in the liquor which had run from the smashed bottles. By almost superhuman strength the colored barber freed one arm, grasped the lone bottle by the neck and smashed it on the floor. Then he quit fighting.

Although the evidence was damaged the officers found that the six necks of all bottles remained with revenue stamps intact showing they had not been opened.

This morning in police court Smith asked for a continuance of his case until Saturday. Judge Klotz granted it.

#### WINS BASE BALL POOL

CROWN POINT, Ind., August 10.—Carl Thomen was the lucky winner in the baseball pool this week, winning \$500 as a result of the teams winning in the National League games. Mr. Thomen is the third Crown Point man to win this amount in the past few months.

#### REPAIRING WORK BEGUN ON STREET

Hammond people and especially those who drive automobiles who had occasion to drive over South Hohman st., yesterday, met with a surprise which seemed almost unbelievable. Workmen were starting on the job of repairing the ruts in the pavement.

Bright and early Monday the United Construction Co. had a gang of men cutting around the worn places in the asphalt and by evening the west side of the street from Douglas st. to Harrison park had been covered. Large square sections of the wearing surface are being cut away at each rut or series of holes.

After the old surface is removed, the workmen then straighten up the edges of the cut so that the patch will bear against a perpendicular surface. The foundation stones are picked up so they present a rough surface for the new top dressing and the place is ready for its new patch of stone and asphalt.

The work differs in many respects from other patch jobs which have been done on this pavement. Greater care is being taken in preparing for the work and the asphalt will be put on hot with its obvious advantages over the old "cold mix" method formerly used.

#### THEY FOUGHT IN THREE ROOMS; IN THE KITCHEN

**And Mrs. Nick in Deshabille Gave the Court Habitués An Eyefull.**

The judge, the prosecutor, the clerk, the bailiff, the spectators, in fact everybody in the Hammond city court room this morning except Mrs. Nick Prezanek registered excitement and not a little confusion this morning, when in the course of her testimony, Mrs. Nick suddenly pulled off her

waist to show the court the marks left by a stove poker which had been wielded by Nick.

She did it movie style though and managed to keep attention focused on her injured shoulder blade.

Mrs. Nick had her husband brought in on a warrant charging assault and battery. They live at 137 Company House, East Hammond. Nick could as well have signed the affidavit for her in a bad way himself. Both had bandages around their heads.

Through an interpreter, Mrs. Prezanek told how Nick had come home yesterday evening, dragged her out of bed by the hair and struck her with the poker.

Nick then told how he came home and found his friend sitting on the bed talking to his wife. He remained out on the porch and sulked for it was no way for a wife to do. After the bed-room and moved her for having that man in the house.

"Where is the bed-room?" asked Prosecutor Griffiths.

"In the kitchen," said Nick.

Nick said his wife resented his words and started to abuse him. He grabbed her by the hair and they fought their way into the dining room.

"Where is the dining room?" queried Griffiths.

"In the kitchen," says Nick.

Well, in the dining room Mrs. Nick got hold of a bottle and cut a bad gash in his cheek and broke away from him. She ran into the kitchen.

"We're still in the kitchen, eh?" says the prosecutor.

"Sure," replied Nick. "Just one room we got."

It was in the kitchen that the poker came into the hand of Mrs. Nick. She smote him over the head cutting gash No. 2 whereupon Nick says he took it away from her and "gave it to her good."

"It looks as though you are both in bad," said Judge Klotz, "but you know Nick you never should hit a woman."

Nick's jaw dropped and he shook his bandaged head helplessly as the court figured up his fine and costs which totaled \$12.25.

Prof. Frank D. McElroy's large circle of friends in Hammond will be delighted to learn of the latest advancement which he has made since resigning as principal of the Hammond high school. Word has just been received that he has accepted the position of assistant superintendent of the Marion, Ohio, schools for the coming year.

Mr. McElroy went to Rockford, Ill., from Hammond and during the year he was connected with the schools of that city, his reputation as an educator has spread. This summer the school authorities of Marion, Ohio, were looking for a superintendent and assistant Superintendent of the Rockford schools was first and when he was asked to suggest a man for his assistant, he immediately named Prof. McElroy.

The new position carries with it a handsome advance in salary over the Rockford position which paid considerably more than Mr. McElroy was receiving in Hammond.

#### Chicagoan Redeemed Beach Inn

**City and County Reap Neat Sum Today in Delinquent Taxes.**

Today at 10 o'clock, Sheriff Lew Barnes was expected to mount the auctioneer's block in front of the Hammond court house and offer to the highest bidder the Hammond Beach Inn and its equipment.

The sale was to be held in order that the city and county might get over \$700 in taxes which were delinquent.

No sale was held. The sheriff's hammer has not been used.

Yesterday C. W. Goodwin, of Chicago, who is a real estate dealer and representative of Harry Kavanaugh, owner of the old resort, dropped in at the office of City Treasurer Walter Bielefeldt. He wanted to pay the taxes on the Hammond Beach Inn.

Bielefeldt was all excitement. He had been dreading the sale for he feared there would be no bidders. Quickly he hunted up the delinquent receipts. The city got close to \$500.

Then Goodwin asked if Bielefeldt would favor him by accepting the county's share of the taxes and turn them over to Treasurer Ralph Bradford. Walter was perfectly willing, so Goodwin handed out \$441 more.

Before he left Goodwin explained that Mr. Kavanaugh is not expecting to open the resort again but is offering it for sale. He is trying to get \$5,000 for the inn and equipment or will sell the building alone for \$4,000, but so far has not been able to find anyone who wants it.

#### DETROIT HAS A NEW DEATH MYSTERY

**Woman Estranged from Her Husband Taken From the Detroit River.**

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 10.—Police are investigating the mysterious death of Mrs. Margaret J. Callie, 74 Horton avenue, former wife of Arthur J. Callie, vice president of the Callie Brothers company, Marine Motor manufacturers, who a year ago was recovered from the Detroit river.

The body was identified as his wife by Mr. Callie and his son this morning at the county morgue. The couple have been separated two years.

There were no marks of violence on the body and she wore several valuable rings and other jewelry.

The dead woman is reported to have left her home Sunday afternoon in an automobile accompanied by a man and two other women and had not been seen by any acquaintance since. Police are searching for the trio who called for Mrs. Callie and also for a young man who has been rooming at the house a week. One of the roomers was a friend of Mrs. Callie's son-in-law and is thought to be W. J. O'Donnell of Buffalo.

A post mortem examination this morning revealed slight traces of alcohol in Mrs. Callie's stomach. Her heart showed slight apoplectic symptoms. Police are working on the theory that the woman was murdered by poison and her body thrown into the river several hours before it was discovered while physicians believe the woman took her own life.

#### EAST CHICAGO MAN LOSES BROTHER

James H. Harvey, one of the earliest settlers of Hammond and a brother of Mrs. Harvey, of East Chicago, died Saturday, August 6th, at his home in Philadelphia.

Mr. Harvey came to Hammond when the place was little more than a railroad junction and for many years was connected with the old G. H. Hammond Co. In recent years he has been making his home in Philadelphia.

Besides the brother, Robert, of East Chicago, he is survived by a son and daughter.

#### CZECHS REFUSE TO GO TO WAR

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
BERLIN, Aug. 10.—Czechoslovakia, Austria and Jugoslavia refuse to go to war despite the advance of the Russian Soviet army towards central Europe according to a dispatch from Prague today. Representatives of those countries held a conference at Prague with Chancellor Renner, of Austria, presiding and directed "not to go to war under any circumstances," the telegram said.

#### FUNERAL OF A. W. HOWARD

The funeral of Arthur W. Howard was held Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock from his late residence, 201 Michigan avenue. For the past three years Mr. Howard has conducted an auto repair shop at the corner of 30th and Truman avenue. Prior to that time he was engineer for the Alhambra Construction company.

Besides his wife, four children and an only brother who were left to mourn him, his remains were followed to their last resting place in Oak Hill by a host of sorrowing friends. The services at the home were conducted by Rev. Thos. Bassett and at the grave the beautiful rustic work of The Tribe of Ben Hur of which the deceased was a member, was given.

#### Reduces Blanket Raise In Calumet Township

CROWN POINT, Ind., August 10.—The Board of Review passed an order on Monday reducing the 100 per cent blanket raise put on Calumet township acreage by the state tax board last year. They put the assessment back to the original assessment made by Assessor John McFadden in 1919. Those who paid the excess taxes will be reimbursed by County Treasurer Bradford. By an act of the legislature passed at the recent session the State Tax Board had no authority to make the raise.

#### NOTICE

FOR SALE—Sweet corn, Ernst Guehrer farm, Black Oak road and Saxon avenue, Hessville, Ind. No delivery. Phone 1377-24. 8-10-20

### ALLIES GIVE ASSURANCE TO POLAND

**Russ Prepare For Attack On Warsaw's Northern Gateway**

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—The U. S. will probably state its position on the Polish situation today.

Secretary of State Colby again denied all reports that this government has sent a note to either France or Great Britain, but said the state department might have "something later in the day."

President Wilson will meet with his cabinet this afternoon and it is believed that he will discuss with them the Polish policy of this nation, which may then be laid before the allies.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
LONDON, Aug. 10.—Premier Lloyd George told the house of commons this afternoon that he is still hopeful that peace will be made by the soviet government of Russia. The premier made it plain that Great Britain and France do not contemplate declarations of war against Russia.

The next action of the allied nations, he said, will be economic pressure to compel the Russian soviet government to release its strangle-hold on Poland. This pressure will come either from naval action or from combined international action.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
LONDON, Aug. 10.—Russian cavalry and infantry are rapidly concentrating for an attack upon Radzysin, the Northern gateway to Warsaw, according to a dispatch to the Evening News today.

Radzysin is fifteen miles from the Polish capital and lies at the terminus of a short railway line running north from Warsaw. The Berlin correspondent of the Evening News reported that the Russian Reds were slowing down their advance.

BL NEWTON C. PARKE  
(STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE)  
PARIS, Aug. 10.—The allies have formally assured Poland that, if the Minsk armistice negotiations reveal an agreement between the Soviet, Russia and Germany, by which Germany gets territory guaranteed to Poland by the Versailles treaty, the allies will advance from the Rhine to force Germany to respect the peace treaty, it was learned at the French foreign office this afternoon.

**BLOCKADE OF LITTLE VALUE**  
It is admitted in semi-official circles that a blockade would be without value if commerce was flowing between Russia and Germany.

Russian Cavalry is approaching Warsaw along the Warsaw-Danzig railway.

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#### Desperadoes, Two To Die, To Last Home

**Sextette of Murderers Rushed Secretly from Crown Point to Michigan City**

Handcuffed and under heavy guard, six desperate criminals, two of them murderers and doomed to die in the electric chair, two lifers and two receiving lighter sentences, were removed from the county jail at Crown Point early this morning and taken to Michigan City where they will await the death penalty and punishment.

Fearing that friends of the condemned men might make some effort to deliver them from the hands of the deputy sheriff, the news of their removal and trip to Michigan City was kept an absolute secret.

Deputy Sheriff Clem Hentges of Gary was placed in charge by Sheriff Lew Barnes yesterday and with his picked deputies left for the county seat over the Gary and Southern, arriving in Gary at 8 o'clock. At the South Shore station the prisoners were hurried into an awaiting train where precaution was taken to prevent any of the sextette from jumping from the train window. Deputy Sheriff Hentges had made arrangements to the minutest detail and everything transpired just as the clock work.

The sextette were recently sentenced by Judge Martin Smith of the Criminal court at Crown Point. They were:

William Thornton, Indiana Harbor, (colored) 26 years old, murder in the first degree, sentenced to death.

Nick Dundovich, Gary, 28 years old, murder in the first degree, sentenced to death.

Hilario Hernandez, Indiana Harbor, Mexican, 25 years old, murder in the first degree, given life sentence.